

Wycombe crash in 60 sec.

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Wycombe Wanderers 0

THE amateurs of Wycombe Wanderers had Ashford Town's professionals shaking for most of this replayed F.A. Cup tie.

For 80 minutes they held Ashford with some ease to a one-goal lead.

Then in 60 seconds they crashed to 3-0 down and hope was gone.

Wycombe must have been dazed with the injustice, for they had looked well capable of scoring.

Ashford went ahead in the 15th minute when Wycombe goalkeeper Ken Brown stayed on his line instead of coming out. Ron Clayton nipped in to chip the ball to Joe White, who headed into the roof of the net.

Then came the double knock-out. Clayton flicked in Gordon Burden's low cross and only seconds later John Shepherd crashed home a drive from 30 yards.

Ashford Town. — Haydon; Edwards, Gregory; Peplow, Harris, Stevens; Payne, Shepherd, White, Clayton, Burden.
Wycombe Wanderers. — W. K. Brown; J. Beck, A. Lewis; I. Ashby, J. Fisher, C. Gale; L. Worley, G. Blair, D. Worley, A. Horseman, S. Hyde.

TWO-IN-MINUTE CLINCH IT FOR ASHFORD

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ASHFORD TOWN qualified to entertain Queen's Park Rangers in the second round of the FA Cup when they deservedly beat the Isthmian League club Wycombe Wanderers at Ashford last night.

Two goals in the 80th minute swung this tough, thrilling match the way of the Southern League professionals. But until then Ashford looked in imminent danger of losing their one-goal lead.

The amateurs, with wing-halves Gale and Ashby prompting their forwards into a series of all-out attacks, looked set to force at least extra time.

Then in a sudden raid Burden crossed the ball low and hard to Clayton, who whipped the ball through a ruck of defenders into the net.

All Hope Lost

No sooner had Wycombe kicked off than they found themselves three goals down and all hope lost. A bad clearance rolled to Shepherd, who raced forward and scored with a fine 30-yard drive.

The amateurs throughout the first half had difficulty in controlling the greasy ball in the heavy going, but they found a forceful rhythm after the restart that forced Ashford to hang on grimly to their goal advantage which came in the 15th minute when White headed high into the net.

It's hero Clayton

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I MOVED on from Dartford to Ashford ... in time to see Soccer wanderer Ronnie Clayton guarantee Ashford a ground record second round tie against Queen's Park Rangers.

Inside left Clayton, who has hustled through Hereford, Arsenal, Brighton, and Hastings at a rate of almost a club a year, laid on the chance for Ashford centre-forward Joe White to head a beautiful goal in the 14th minute.

And it was 24-year-old Clayton's right foot that turned a centre by left winger Gordon Burden into a 77th-minute goal just when there seemed not a pennyworth of difference between Ashford's Southern League professionals and Wycombe's Isthmian League amateurs.

REELING

Wycombe, who had fought so fiercely through this replay, were still reeling from the shock of becoming two down, when John Shepherd smashed in Ashford's third goal from outside the penalty area.

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